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lestation. The children would be

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Hardly less proud and exclusive than the old general was his aristocratic wife, for the Lawrences had ever been mindful of their position in contracting matrimonial alliances and the bluest blood in the state had been passed to their children. The position of the Lawrences was freely acknowledged by their neighbors and the community took a kind of reflected pride in them.

Realizing all this the reader will imagine the shock it was to the old general and his good wife when his second son, Will, wrote him from Cuba that he was about to take unto himself as wife a dark-hued daughter of that island. It had been with the greatest satisfaction that the old general had seen Will start away in the uniform of a second lieutenant of volunteers at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Charles, the eldest son, was in Europe on a combined mission of business and health, both of which would have been seriously imperiled by his immediate return, and for some weeks the general had fumed himself nearly sick at the prospect of an American war in which one of his immediate family was not represented. He had been proud indeed when Will, only a lad of 20, had come to him and announced his determination to go to the front, together with the information that he had been elected a second lieutenant in a regiment or-



'SHADES OF HENRY CLAY." EJACU-LATED THE GENERAL.

ganizing for the purpose. To be sure Will was but a boy, but he was a Lawrence and the old patriot had sent him forth with tears of mingled pride and tenderness in his eyes. And Will had rendered a good account of himself; had been advanced to a first lieutenancy for gallantry on the field and accorded a captaincy in the reorganized

This made the blow so much the stronger.

"Shades of Henry Clay," ejaculated the general, pounding the unoffending floor with his gold-headed cane. "A Lawrence to marry a mongrel Latin nigger. Never, never, if I have to go and drag him home by the scruff of the neck. He is crazy. The long service in that accursed fever-plagued nest of infamy has undermined his constitution and sapped the virility of his mind. He is crazy-that's what he is. I'll have him declared insane and put in a mad house-that's what I'll do. Better a thousand times to endure the thought of a son in a lunatic asylum than as the husband of a mongrel black and the father of a lot of woolly headed brats-a Lawrence, too. It is impossible, that's what it is. I shall proceed at once in the matter."

Mrs. Lawrence, while as greatly shocked and alarmed as the general, was not quite so drastic. The vision of her son in a mad house did not appeal to her as a way out of the dilemma, and Eleanor, the daughter of the household, declined utterly to regard the matter as in so hopeless a vein as either parent.

"Maybe she is a Spanish beauty, with all sorts of aristocratic and even noble blood in her veins," she persisted, "and not a negro at all."

Whereat the general narrowly escaped a fit of apoplexy. He had made made up his mind that was the end of

Finally the mother suggested a plan of action. Charles had returned been the closest of comrades and friends and loved each other as few brothers do. He was older by five years, and Will would listen to his riper wisdom and larger experience. He should go forthwith to Cuba on some pretext or other and find means broker has just been received at to break up the proposed marriage. court, says the Chicago Record-Her-It was a delicate mission. Even the ald. You can't keep money down.

est man in all the commonwealth. knew full well the iron determination Coming from a long line of distin-guished ancestors, every generation of the Lawrences, and it had always been his boast that a "Lawrence has whom had stamped the impress of never been driven, sir-not a single

So it happened one soft, languorous day that Charles Lawrence disembarked at Havana, presumably upon a mission to secure some transportation franchises for an American syndicate, and hunted up his brother, the captain.

He was received with open arms, and the brothers reveled for several days in their reunion. The elder never hinted at his mission, and when he "talked shop" at all, dwelt enthusiastically upon his franchise quest. If the younger suspected the ulterior design of his visitor he did not betray it.

It was several days after Charles appeared on the scene before he found any sort of opening for the furtherance of his real mission. Singularly enough Will did not mention his love affair or give him any sort of opening, and he hesitated to broach the subject himself. One soft evening, however, after dinner the captain re-

"Charley, I want you to make a call with me this evening. I will show you the two most beautiful women in Cuba-in the world."

Acquiescing readily, the two strolled through the better part of the town and brought up at a rather pretentiously built Cuban home of the older type-somewhat run down, but bearing marks of respectability, even aris-

"This is the home of Don Carlos Antonio Silvera," remarked Will. "He is of a very old and very proud Spanish family-of the purest blood, mind you, and for heaven's sake don't forget that point, as he is extremely proud of it. He was formerly away up in G financially, but the revolution and other misfortunes have largely stripped him of his estates. But he keeps up appearances as best he can and is the finest kind of a type of an old aristocrat. And his two daughters are the very flower of the Antillesespecially Julia."

With this preface Charles was ushered into the house and presently was formally presented to the Senorita Julia. He was compelled to admit to himself that his brother certainly had an eye for beauty, for seldom in all his travels had he laid eyes on so striking a girl, so perfect a type of the Latin beauty. Still more was he surprised and taken aback at the high breeding and culture of the fair hostess and her chaperone, the old aunt who guarded her with lynx-eyed fidelity. He was presented also to the master of the house, and was fairly overawed by the dignity and grace of his manner. As he was regarding the senorita with profound admiration and reflecting upon the mammoth proportions his task had suddenly assumed, a curtain was swept aside and a vision appeared before him which drove all other thoughts from his mind and all other objects from his sight. It was another woman very like the Senorita Julia, but very different -more ripened and matured in charm and manner-one of those lustrouseyed, olive-skinned, voluptuously formed creatures only to be found among the women descended from the pure Castillian blood, and also with a face so alive with intelligence and a head so perfectly formed that he almost forgot the perfection of physical beauty in admiration of the suggestion

of intellectuality. "Ah, this is the Senorita Rosa," exclaimed the captain. "Senorita, my brother, Charles."

The evening sped for both brothers, the younger being engrossed with his fiancee and the elder finding keen interest in the strange, ardent nature of the sister-absolutely a new type to him.

On the way to the captain's lodgings Charles became conscious of a feeling of distinct annoyance in the thought that he was not pursuing his mission with the single-heartedness that he should, and that he had enjoyed the evening altogether too much and did not regard the Silvera family with that aversion which was expected of him. Also he fancied that he detected a note of suppressed glee in the captain's demeanor.

There followed many visits to the Silvera home, and Charles put in many sleepless nights in trying to figure out a plan to break up the affair. but with a growing certainty that he was making a poor job of it and that he cared much more to bask in the sunlight of the Senorita Rosa's lustrous eyes than for expostulating with Will.

Of course the result was foreordained, and that was why old Gen. Lawrence one eventful day received a letter which all but caused the breaking of a blood-vessel and required all the skill of the family doctor to keep him from fading from earth in an apoplectic stroke. It was none other up his mind and when a Lawrence had than the announcement that his two sons had been married, respectively, to the Senorita Rosa and the Senorita Julia and begging that he defer judgment until they arrived in America from abroad. He and Will had always with their wives, when they were sure he would approve of their choice. And the funniest feature of the en-

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